and providing for scrutiny of purchase of major raw materials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers inaugurated the Seminar on "Pharmaceutical Industry" on 26.2.1993 organised by IDMA, as the Chief Guest.

(b) Issues relating to Price Control, Quality Control, Research and Deve lopment, Consumer Protection and roles of Public Sector and Small Scale Units were discussed in the Seminar by representatives of vari ous interest groups and experts. There was no Government Official in the list of speakers.

(c) No. Sir. A Background Note on the Review of Drug Policy 1986 has been laid on the Table of the House on 12.8.1992, for discus sion and eliciting the views of the Hon'ble Members before deciding on the modifications necessary in the Drug Policy, 1986.

उत्तर प्रदेश के उद्योगों पर दंगों की आशंका का प्रभाव

***332. श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :**
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गत माह में उत्तर प्रदेश में बड़े पैमाने पर दंगे होने की आशंका के कारण उस राज्य के अधिकांश जिलों में औद्योगिक गतिविधियों को भारी धक्का लगा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने उत्तर प्रदेश के उद्योगों को इस हानि से उबारने के लिये कतिपय सुविधायें देने के प्रस्ताव पर विचार किया है ;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(घ) क्या सरकार उद्योगों में हुई आर्थिक हानि की राशि के 50 प्रतिशत तक इन उद्योगों को आर्थिक सहायता देने के किसी प्रस्ताव पर विचार करेगी; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा उद्योग मंत्रालय (भारी उद्योग विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Self reliance in Defence Technology

*333. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleas ed to state:

(a) whether Government have made special efforts towards indigen isation and self reliance in Defence production; and

(b) if so, the details of the achieve ments in this regard during the last three years till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The policy of the Government is to achieve self-reliance in defence production through indigenisation where-ever it is technologically feasible and economically viable. Efforts towards indigenisation and self-reliance in defence production is an on-going prosess. Special efforts made by the Government in the recent years to accelerate the pace of indigenisation in defence production include the following: —

(i) The capacity available in the Civil sector is being increasingly utilised to widen the base of indigenous production.

(ii) The defence production units have time bound targets for reducing import content in equipments produced by them and their performance in this regard is being monitored in the Ministry.

(iii) Task groups have been set up for promoting expeditious indigenisation of spares for defence equipment.

(b) Some of the achievements are the following: —

(i) The overall indigenous content in the equipments produced in the defence production units has been steadily rising.

(ii) The Task groups have al ready identified spares to be indi-genised and formulated time bound action plan for indigenisation, implementation of which has already commenced.

(iii) A number of items have been indigenised through the civil sector. These include assemblies/ sub-assemblies/components of armoured Vehicles, main propulsion batteries of submarines, tyres for aircraft, batteries for various application, crash fire tenders and heavy duty tank transporters.

Meeting of Sub-Committee on Medical Education

@*333-A. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether *it* is a fact that the sub-committee on medical education set-up by the National Development Council has not met even once after it was constituted; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) The meeting of the NDC Committee on. Medical Education has been convened once.

Backward districts in Orissa under special employment generation scheme

@@*333-B. SHRI MANMOHAN MATHUR:
SHRIMATI MEERA DAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the backward Districts of the State of Orissa are likely to be benefited under Special Employment Generation Scheme;

(b) if so what is the number of S.C., S.T. and backward class families which have been benefited so far under the scheme;

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative by when these families are likely to be benefited; and

(d) what are the criteria for choosing the District or area to have the benefit of the above said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) There is no scheme titled "Special Employment Generation Scheme". However,

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@@Previously Starred Question 374, transferred from 22nd March, 1993.